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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Thousands of American consumers have already expressed their opposition to the FCC's adoption of a "broadcast flag". I am writing to join them even though I am not American. The UK has been in the forefront of digital Satalite TV and uses encryption algorithms to protect broadcast Pay TV channels. I don't understand the need to restrict the ability to write software that may be used to receive these signals. The TV industry has always been fighting to keep ahead of the code breakers and will always have to regardless of whether it is a software or hardware implementation. Outlawing the production of hardware or software will not stop criminals but may stop otherwise legitamate businesses.

Kind regards

Alan Gimbert

Director

A J Gimbert Ltd

Sincerely,

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